

Bathing Facility Safety Plan Requirement

Pursuant to Subpart 6-1.23(c) of the New York State Sanitary Code, operators of all bathing facilities are required to *"develop, update, and implement a written safety plan, consisting of procedures for daily bather supervision, injury prevention, reacting to emergencies, injuries and other incidents, providing first aid, and summoning help"*.

In addition to normal operational details, the plan must address any other activities that may occur at the bathing facility, including but not limited to the operation of infant/child swim schools or other swimming lessons, scuba diving lessons, scuba rescue practice, swim and/or diving competitions, and children's camps. If any variance, waiver, or exemption has been granted the facility (such as a supervision exemption at homeowner's association swimming pools), it too must be addressed in the safety plan.

Safety plans are required to be kept up to date and on file at the facility. It is the operator's responsibility to insure that the plan is revised whenever changes in facility use or in facility personnel occur, and that an addendum to the plan or a full updated safety plan is then submitted to this office. Safety plans will be checked upon inspection to see that they are in fact current and are implemented in practice.

Failure to maintain an approved, up to date safety plan is a violation of the Sanitary Code and is subject to action by this Department.